



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the United States involvement in the Vietnam War officially ended with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords, entitled "Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam"; and

WHEREAS on March 30, 1973, all United States military personnel and civilians, departed from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 through 2010, our nation has come to embrace those who served in the Vietnam War, and while there are memorials to those who served and those who lost their lives to war, there has never been a nationally recognized day designated for the belated "Welcome Home" to all those who served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS on March 16, 2010, U.S. Senator Richard Burr, Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee issued a resolution establishing March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"; and

WHEREAS the State Legislature issued S.R. No. 111, SD1 "Requesting the Governor to proclaim 'Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day'" in April, 2011, a day of recognition of the sacrifice and hardship of our Vietnam Veterans; and

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2011 as

"VIETNAM VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY"

in Hawai'i ask the people of the Aloha State to join us as we promote awareness about the faithful service of Vietnam Veterans and their contributions to our community since returning home.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of May, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i

